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# Reproductive Justice in Action

A conversation on reproductive justice and the health care system

Monday, May 10, 2021 7-8:30 P.M. Online meeting via Zoom

Join Middlebury Alums, Elizabeth Bueno (Posse 6) and Morgane Richardson (Posse 6) as well as Anti-Racism consultant, Dorcas Davis in a conversation on Reproductive Justice and the Health Care system.

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When: May 10th, 7:00-8:30pm

**Zoom link:** 

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**Speakers:** Elizabeth Bueno (Middlebury Posse 6), Dorcas Davis & Morgane Richardson (Middlebury Posse 6/Class of 08)

# **Biographies**

### Elizabeth Bueno

Elizabeth Bueno (she/her) is a birth worker and childbirth educator who is currently pursuing a second bachelor's degree in nursing at Colorado State University. As a doula, she supports various types of families including HIV+ birthing people through the Colorado Children's Hospital Immunodeficiency Program.

Prior to birth work, Elizabeth's passion in women's advocacy led her to start her career in the social sector supporting the financial inclusion of women and minorities at microfinance organization, ACCION USA, and later at the Tory Burch Foundation. She also has a background in media production where she worked as a producer and production manager at Vice Media.

Elizabeth holds a B.A in Liberal Arts from The New School. She was born in Colombia, raised in Queens, NY and now currently resides in Colorado Springs, CO with her partner and wild toddler.

## **Dorcas Davis (she/her)**

Dorcas Davis is a racial justice activist and an antiracism strategist and facilitator. The founder of Dorcas Davis Consulting, a diversity, equity, inclusion and antiracism-focused consulting firm, Dorcas supports leaders and organizations in implementing sustainable, progressive change. Dorcas's expertise in facilitating dialogue related to issues of diversity and racial equity has resulted in her working with people and organizations across the United States and around the globe including in Rwanda, United Arab Emirates, and Chile.

Through her activism work, Dorcas collaborates on various racial justice initiatives. She has led the design and implementation of diversity and inclusion workshops and antiracism trainings that served thousands of participants in various organizations and businesses. In 2017, Dorcas co-founded the March for Racial Justice as a response to the racial inequity and injustice in the United States' justice system. The March succeeded in mobilizing people in 18 cities across the country in simultaneous action.

Dorcas is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and has also earned a master's degree in Applied Theatre from CUNY's School of Professional Studies.

# **Morgane Richardson**

Morgane Richardson (she/her) has been a birth worker since 2011, wearing a variety of hats in this field including: Former Director of the NYC Doula Collective, Former Head of Practitioner Relations at AllBodies Health, childbirth doula + educator and doula mentor.

Morgane is the co-founder of Woven Bodies (www.wovenbodies.com), an inclusive practice supporting queer folks and allies from family planning to parenthood. Morgane teaches doula trainings alongside Carriage House Birth and facilitates workshops for birth professionals on supporting queer, trans & gender nonconforming families during the conception and perinatal periods.

Morgane holds a B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology and Art History from Middlebury College and an M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies (with a focus on Gender and Peace building), from the United Nations University For Peace.

After being raised in Brooklyn, NY and Los Angeles, Morgane now calls Kingston, NY, home with her wife, Alexandra Garcia (Class of 07.5) and their three year old kiddo.